

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

This is to give notice that the City of Fargo, a Responsible Entity under Part 58, has determined that the following proposed action under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and HUD grant number M-19-MC-38-0220 is located in the 100-year floodplain, and the City of Fargo will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed activity would result in the construction of a multifamily rental residential structure consisting of 84 units on a 3.8 acre parcel. The project site is in the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE). Up to \$400,000 in HOME funds would be provided to the activity. The proposed project is located 4462 30 Ave S in Fargo, ND, Cass County.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Fargo at the following address on or before Thursday, July 23, 2020: City of Fargo Department of Planning and Development, 225 4 Street North and 701-241-1474, Attention: Tia Braseth, Community Development Planning Coordinator. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the same address as above. Comments may also be submitted via email at Planning@FargoND.gov.

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Date: July 8, 2020